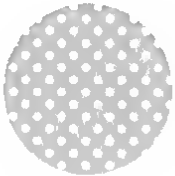
Beside You
あなたのとなり
anata tonari



All I want is to be next to you.

WOW.
TOKYO'S ALREADY COVERED IN CHERRY BLOSSOMS.
Beautiful
SPRING
THE START OF A NEW SEASON
SHUU!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? COME IN ALREADY!
I'VE GOTTA GET TO WORK!
Oh.
SORRY
I'LL BE RIGHT UP
tap
tap
I'VE ALSO COME HERE FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE
AND I'M STAYING WITH MY SISTER
clunk
clunk
clunk

WOW
THAT'S A LOT OF STUFF
OVER HERE!
IS OUR NEIGHBOR MOVING IN TODAY TOO?
WHAT A COINCIDENCE
GLANCE
OH.
IT'S RUDE TO PEEK
TURN

WELL I'M OFF
I'LL LEAVE YOU TO LOCK UP
MAKE SURE NOT TO LOSE THE KEY
Okay
HAVE A SAFE TRIP
turn
THIS PLACE IS PRETTY
YOUR ROOM IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE HALL-WAY
RIGHT BEFORE THAT IS THE BATH AND TOILET NEXT TO IT
TOILET
BATH
And...
THIS IS MY ROOM
CLICK
IT'S PRETTY BIG.
ALTHOUGH THERE'S STILL A TON OF CARDBOARD BOXES
Better clean up...

I START UNIVERSITY NEXT WEEK
THE START OF MY...
NEW LIFE
But,
I'm worried
FRET
FRET
FRET
I'm average and not great at talking
I wonder if I'll be able to make any friends?
GGRROWL
Oh...
I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING YET
I WONDER IF THERE'S A RESTAURANT NEAR HERE?
CLICK

-RE-
-STALL-
-RA-
-NT
PEEK
BAM
Woah!
Mm...
I MIGHT FIND SOMETHING ON MY PHONE
Or
IT'S A LITTLE FAR BUT I MIGHT GO TO THE STATION
Look it up first
PIP
GASP
ARE YOU OKAY?!
ARE YOU HURT?
OWW...
Stagger

WOAH
I'M SORRY
FOR RUSHING OUT
HE'S COOL!
U-UM.
ARE YOU OUR NEIGHBOR?
HUH?
THAT MIGHT HAVE SOUNDED WEIRD
WHAT'S WRONG?
?
I WAS JUST THINKING YOU LOOKED COOL
WHAT?!
Does it hurt?
Ah...

T/N: Hanten coat: is a traditional short winter coat

Right
ANYWAY,
WEREN'T YOU HEADING OUT?
HE WAS YOUR COUSIN?
HE'S NOT MY BROTHER OH, YEAH!
HE'S MY COUSIN! HE HELPED ME MOVE IN!
Oh, right!
DO YOU KNOW IF THERE'S ANY PLACE AROUND HERE WHERE I COULD GRAB A BITE TO EAT?
I'm a bit hungry.

HOW ABOUT...
WE GET LUNCH TOGETHER?
I'D LOVE TO GET ALONG WITH MY NEIGHBORS
grin
SO YOU'RE ALSO GOING TO ATTEND JOUKYOU?
SEEMS LIKE JOINING A CLUB WILL BE FUN
Hehe
I'M ALSO WORRIED ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, OGASAWARA-SAN?
JUST CALL ME HARUTO
IT'LL MAKE US SEEM CLOSER
Okay

So...
HA-
HARUTO-SAN
YES?
BY THE WAY, WHERE ARE YOU FROM ORIGINALLY?
?
I'M FROM AOMORI
I KNEW IT!
HUH?
BLUSH
DO I HAVE AN ACCENT?!
I WORKED HARD ON IT!
Hehe
Just a little bit
It's cute
I WAS TRANSFERRED OVER HERE BY MY COMPANY
WOW
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF TROUBLE
WHY DID YOU MOVE HERE?
NOT REALLY
I'M USED TO COMING HERE ON BUSINESS TRIPS

I'M ACTUALLY FROM THE TOUHOKU REGION, TOO.
SO IT'S RELAXING TO HEAR YOUR ACCENT
Huh?
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
I'M FROM MIYAGI
I'VE ENCOUNTERED SOME TROUBLE IN TOKYO TOO
I SEE
YEAH.
SO I'D LOVE TO HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO ABOUT IT
IT'LL CHEER ME UP!
OKAY?
S-
SURE! I'D LOVE TO!

WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE WAIT
OH,
HERE IT IS
HERE'S A FORK AND A SPOON
THANKS
move
Looks good.
Time to eat
I KNEW IT.
HE'S REALLY COOL...

HARUTO-SAN IS JUST PERFECT
I admire him.
HE'S CALM AND KIND
I WANT TO BE LIKE HIM
I'LL CHAT WITH HIM
SINCE HE HELPED ME OUT
OH
ARE YOU FREE TOMORROW?
I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK OF YOU
Okay.
There.
SENT.
ON SECOND THOUGHT AM I BEING A BOTHER?
HE MUST BE BUSY WITH WORK

BRRRR
BRRRR
Woah!
IT'S FROM HARUTO-SAN
Haruto san
] Thanks for the messag
'll be free tomorr
night.
I'll text you when
done with work.
Yes!
click
click
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR REPLY
click
SEND
I WONDER IF...
I CAN BE LIKE HARUTO-SAN

SORRY I'M LATE
WORK DRAGGED ON
NO, IT'S FINE
WOW HE EVEN LOOKS GOOD IN A SUIT
IT REALLY SUITS HIM.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
THUNK
HERE YOU GO
SO?
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO ASK ME?
OH..

I'M PLAIN AND INTROVERTED.
BECAUSE OF THAT I CAN'T EXPRESS MYSELF VERY WELL.
I'M NOT SURE IF I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE FRIENDS EASILY.
?
WHAT SHOULD I SAY?
UM, ACTUALLY
I...
I'D LIKE...
TO TRANS-FORM!
Transform? Like super heroes?
I WANT TO CHANGE
SQUEEZE

NO, I DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S FASHIONABLE.
AND I REEK OF THE COUNTRYSIDE I'LL PROBABLY BE A FLOATER IN SCHOOL
LET'S SEE
IF IT'S JUST YOUR OUTWARD APPEARANCE, I THINK WE CAN CHANGE THAT EASILY.
WHEN I FIRST MET YOU YESTERDAY
YOU WERE NICE AND IT WAS EASY TO TALK TO YOU.
I'D LIKE TO BECOME SOMEONE LIKE YOU
ME? THAT'S...
YOU HAVE YOUR OWN REDEEMING FEATURES
REALLY?
YEAH.
Brighten

GET SOME CONTACTS,
LIGHTEN UP YOUR HAIR
BRUSH
AND FLUFF UP YOUR TOP
BA DUMP
THAT'S...
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A SALON OR ANY STYLISH PLACE
FLUSTERED
THAT SURPRISED ME
OOV
ARE YOU FREE ON SATURDAY?
I'M FREE, SO WHY DON'T WE GO TOGETHER?

RATTLE
RATTLE

REALLY?!
YOU REALLY THINK IT'S NOT WEIRD?
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?
CHUKKIE
BUT WHAT I SEE IN THE WINDOW LOOKS LIKE A WHOLE NEW PERSON!
YOU LOOK COOL. VERY POPULAR.
How can that be.
Stop it
clatter
WHY NOT? HAVE SOME CONFIDENCE
YOU'RE VERY HONEST AND HARDWORKING
THAT'S VERY ATTRACTIVE

FSSHH
XX District
XX District
WE'RE HERE
HUH?
BUT
IT'S NOT HERE
LET'S GO FLOWER-VIEWING.
SINCE WE'RE ALREADY OUT
Look
HARUTO-SAN'S SMILE AND WORDS
THEY ALL REVER-BERATE IN MY CHEST
AND IT'S HOT WHEREVER HE TOUCHES ME
AM I JUST NOT USED TO IT?

ENTRANCE CEREMONY
chatter
WOAH, I'M SO NERVOUS!
ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE FIRST YEARS?!
chatter
Hey!
IS THAT BAG FROM VE*LIS?!
JUMP
YES ?
I KNEW IT!
Haruto-san picked it out...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO NERVOUS
THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY IS JUST TO HEAR ABOUT THE SCHOOL.
Relax!
RELAX!
inhale
exhale

I REALLY LIKE THAT BRAND!
WANNA GO SHOPPING NEXT TIME?
!
OKAY!
WOW! I'M ACTUALLY HAVING A CONVERSATION!
ALL THANKS TO HARUTO-SAN!
And I like your hair color
I want to dye it too
The salon is in Harajuku.
Oh!
IT'S HARUTO-SAN!
tap
LISTEN TO THIS!
DURING THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY

I THINK
IT WAS NORMAL
WELCOME BACK SHUU-KUN
HOW WAS THE CEREMONY?
HUH?
HUH?
NORMAL?
MY CHEST IS FEELING UNEASY
I'LL JUST EXCUSE MYSELF
WHO'S THAT?
SHUU-KUN?!
TELL ME MORE!
I'LL CALL YOU LATER
SHUT

I HAD SO MANY THINGS I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT
LIKE GIVING MY THANKS
OR THAT I MADE FRIENDS...
BUT...
WHAT HAPPENED?
I WANTED TO SAY IT, BUT THEN I DIDN'T
Haruto-san
BRRR
BRRR
WAS I A NUISANCE THIS WHOLE TIME?
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE THIS?
BRRR
BRRR

SINCE THEN,
HAH
I'VE BEEN AVOIDING HARUTO-SAN
I REALLY WANT TO SEE HIM, BUT
Scrrch
WELCOME HOME
HARUTO-SAN

IT'S NOT FUN
IT'S NOT FUN WHEN YOU'RE NOT WITH ME!
YOU DON'T
ANSWER MY CALLS
IS IT BECAUSE YOU DON T NEED ME ANY-MORE AFTER YOU MADE FRIENDS?
NO!
...SORRY
THAT WAS MEAN

SLAM
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
TELL ME
WHY ISN'T IT FUN WHEN I'M NOT THERE?
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
YOU'VE ALREADY GOT A BEAUTIFUL GIRLFRIEND!

DON'T TELL ME
THAT'S WHY YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ANSWERING MY CALLS?
NGH
DON'T WORRY
THAT WAS MY SISTER
HUH?
DO YOU FEEL BETTER NOW?
SORRY IF I MADE YOU FEEL BAD.
Sister...
Now that I think about it, you two do look alike.
MM...
RIGHT?
HEY
SQUEEZE
NOW
IT'S TIME TO ANSWER ME

BECAUSE I LIKE YOU
BECAUSE I REALLY LIKE YOU

SHUU-KUN
I LIKE YOU TOO
I LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU
HUH?
THOSE GLASSES

THOSE ARE ACTUALLY MINE
SORRY FOR HIDING THE TRUTH.
I WAS JUST SO HAPPY WHEN YOU SAID I WAS COOL THE FIRST TIME WE MET
DID YOUR COUSIN FORGET THEM HERE?
OH...
UH...
?
I WANTED TO KEEP BEING A COOL PERSON TO YOU,
SO THE CLOSER WE BECAME THE HARDER IT WAS TO SAY IT
Contacts don't help my astigmatism,
and they flip over and stick to my hand.
HARUTO-SAN

NO
I LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU, TOO.
ARE YOU DISAPPOINTED?
IN THE SPRING
CHUCKLE
HE'S SO CUTE
NEXT TO YOU,
MY NEW LIFE BEGINS
Beside You / end

Hope you feel the same about me.